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Hebrews Ch. 10 vs. 25.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. The word forsake means to desert or to leave. We see in the Book of Acts when Peter preached that three thousand souls were added.

Acts Ch 2 vs. 42.

And they continued steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers.

It is the duty of Saints to assemble together for public worship on the account of God. **It is God who appointed it and it is God who approves of it. It is God's glory which is concerned in it.**

Now concerning the Saints; as we gather ourselves together that we may be delighted, refreshed, comforted, instructed, edified perfected; and on the account of others that they may be convinced and converted. It is not only that you forsake the saints; it is a forsaking of God.

Assembling of ourselves together means a collection, a Christian meeting, a gathering together. To forsake this gathering together is the first step in apostasy. When we gather ourselves together, it gives us opportunities to provoke one another to good works by exhorting one another.

Hebrews Ch 3 vs. 13.

But exhort one another daily while it is called today, lest any be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

As the manner of some is - This is a habit or custom. The scriptures do not tell us the reasons for this neglect of public worship.

1. Back in that time maybe the fear of persecution.

2. Our time today, which is not a reason: The dissatisfaction with the Preacher or with a member or members of the church or with some measure in the Church.

But exhorting one another - Comforting one another by observing to one another the promises of God.

2nd Peter Ch 3 vs. 9.

Peter writes - The Lord is not slack concerning his promises, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

And so much the more, as ye see the day approaching either of death, or the last judgment.